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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 18th September 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 18th September 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 95 carts of ragi and 15 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 120 carts of ragi and 16 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi remained the same as in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers.

The four Municipal Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots.

Mysore City.—No change.

Bangalore District.—There was rain during the whole week throughout the district.

Sowing of horse gram, harrowing and weeding are going on. Standing crops are in good condition and much of the raiyat's anxiety for his dry crop is allayed.

The markets are fairly well supplied, but the prices of ragi, rice and Burma rice continue as before.

Mysore District.—There were good rains almost throughout the district during the week, especially in those parts where rain had been scanty before.

Agricultural prospects have improved.

Markets well supplied. Prices continued as before.

Tumkur District.—There were good showers of rain in all the taluks of the district. Prices of food grains continue to be high. Supplies to markets are adequate and Government rice depot exists only at Gubbi.

Kolar District.—The rainfall which is general and timely throughout the district has considerably improved the situation. With more timely rains the dry crops are sure to thrive.

As regards prices there is no preceptible change in the situation.

Hassan District.—There was a good fall of rain throughout the district during the week.

The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops are in a good condition.

Prices of food grains continue to be high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. More rain is needed for the paddy crop in the Hassan Taluk and for the dry crops in the Arkalgud Taluk.

Shimoga District.—There has been no material change in the food situation in the district.

There was slight showers during the week which helped to some extent the standing crops, which would otherwise have withered in many places. Honnali in particular had good enough showers.

Prices continue to be as high as before.

Kadur District.—Food stuffs were available in all the markets of the district in sufficient quantities to meet the local demand. But the prices were as usual high.

There were good showers in all the parts of the district; and in the Kadur Taluk especially, the condition of the withering crops has been greatly improved by the recent rains.

Chitaldrug District.—Owing to the fall of good showers throughout the district, the seasonal conditions have improved but the prices of food grains remain unaltered.

General (by Food Controller).—There has been good rainfall all over the State which has materially improved the condition of the standing crops. The maidan parts of the State still require some more rain.

Supplies to markets are reported to have been sufficient. Prices however continue high as before.

The demand for Burma rice in the districts is very slack but continues in the Bangalore City, the Civil and Military Station and the Kolar Gold Field. Issue of Burma rice from the Provincial Grain Depot as heretofore and the sale of it in the four Test Depots maintained by the Bangalore City Municipality continue.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Rules for the hire of Transport carts of the I. S. T. C.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 6780-830-Mily. 134-14-15, dated the 1st December 1915, sanctioning for a period of one year certain arrangements and rules for the hire of transport carts of the Imperial Service Transport Corps to the Departments of the State,

2. Government Order No. G. 15422-478—Mily. 134-14-20, dated the 12th May 1916, sanctioning the continuance of the above arrangements.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. 380, dated 10th July 1920, from the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, suggesting that as the cost of maintaining bullocks has risen abnormally, the rates of hire mentioned in the order of the 1st December 1915 may be revised as shown below:—

For a period of two hours, the rate may be increased from Re. 0-8-0 to Re. 1-0-0.

For any period exceeding two and not exceeding 5 hours, the rate may be increased from Re. 1-0-0 to Rs. 2-0-0.

For any period exceeding 5 and not exceeding 8 hours the rate may be increased from Rs. 1-8-0 to Rs. 3-0-0.

ORDER No. G. 6642-701—MILY. 451-19-4, DATED 22ND SEPTEMBER 1920.

The levy of the revised rates for the hire of Transport carts suggested by the Chief Commandant in his letter read above is sanctioned.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Lease of Honge seeds and leaves.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 2165-74—L. R. 419-10-4, dated 18th October 1912, accepting the Revenue Commissioner's recommendation to lease the two items, honge seeds and honge leaves together to one and the same person as an experimental measure, the then existing seigniorage of Rs. 1-12-0 per 100 trees, being slightly raised at the Deputy Commissioner's discretion.

2. Government Order No. R. 7588-96—L. R. 434-14-4, dated 19th January 1917, approving of the Revenue Commissioner's recommendation to lease the right to collect the said two items to one and the same person at Rs. 1-12-0 per 100 trees, preference being shown to local raiyats.

3. Government Order No. R. 972-81—L. R. 488-17-2, dated 15th July 1918, directing that the system of leasing out the leaves and seeds of honge trees on Government lands in accordance with the above orders be continued permanently.

4. Paragraph 6 of Government Order No. R. 12161-71—Ft. 143-16-6, dated 22nd March 1919, directing that among other matters, the sales of minor forest produce require the confirmation of the Conservator of Forests in Mysore (and not the Deputy Commissioner as hitherto) when the value exceeds Rs. 500 in each case, the District Forest Officer himself passing final orders in other cases.

5. Government Order No. R. 2780-2—Ft. 221-17-4, dated 26th August 1919, stating that among other matters that as honge leaves and seeds are sold annually by the Revenue Department at Rs. 1-12-0 per 100 trees, no further concession in the matter of the removal of leaves for cattle and manure is called for in the matter.

6. Letter No. 3259, dated 25th February 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore forwarding the report of the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, in the matter of the complaint of certain raiyats of the Molakalmuru Taluk that the Forest Department has sold the lease of the right to collect the honge leaves and seeds to the detriment of the requirements of the raiyats, and requesting that the lease may be modified by excluding the same from the list of minor forest produce, in the interests of the raiyat population, the power to sell the same being vested in the Revenue Department.

7. Letter No. 16, dated, 22nd July 1920, from the Conservator of Forests stating that the orders on the subject do not definitely require the Revenue Department to conduct the sales, that in the case in point, the leaves and seeds were sold to one and the same person as a separate item without including them in the minor forest produce, that there was nothing to prevent the raiyats to bid for and purchase the right to collect the items, and that the action of the District Forest Officer is in accord with the orders of Government.

ORDER NO. R. 3938-47—FT. 176-19-4, DATED BANGALORE, 18TH SEPTEMBER 1920.

Government consider that it is desirable in the interests of the agricultural population to exclude both *honge* seeds and leaves from the category of minor forest produce, and are pleased to direct that they should be sold in future as an independent item by the Forest Department preferably to raiyats.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
" Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
" Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

PRESS TABLE.

Amending Article 612, M. S. R.

READ.—

Letter No. 7600, dated 26th April 1920, from the Director of Agriculture, bringing to notice a case of hardship caused by the strict application of Article 612, Mysore Service Regulations, which does not contemplate the payment of travelling allowance to officers who are forced by necessity to take leave other than privilege or examination leave and suggesting that the restrictions may be removed.

ORDER NO. FL. 2342-90—S. & A. 184-19-2 DATED, BANGALORE, 21ST SEPTEMBER 1920.

Government are pleased to direct that the rules be so modified as to allow travelling allowance in all cases where leave of whatever nature for not more than three months intervenes between relief at one place and joining duty at another.

Article 612, Mysore Service Regulation, is accordingly amended as follows.

"An officer is entitled to travelling allowance under this section if, after giving over charge of his office, he takes leave of whatever nature for not more than three months before joining his new office."

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secy. to Govt.

To—The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
Other Heads of Department.

6½ per cent loan of 1920.

ORDER NO. FL. 2476—G. F. 289-19-146, DATED 22ND SEPTEMBER 1920.

Officers who have insured their lives in the official branch of the Mysore State Life Insurance Scheme and who attain the age of 55 years before the 1st January 1924 will, if they choose, be permitted to take the whole or part of the amounts of their policies on their maturity in the form of bonds of the Mysore Government 6½ per cent Loan of 1920. The calculation of the face value of bonds to be delivered will be made with reference to the issue price of the loan and for every Rs.99 of the policy amount payable in cash, a bond of the face value of Rs.100 will be given. The option allowed by this order should be availed of before the 1st January 1921.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.